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b) a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard; and

c) a control unit, which sets said second communication interface in a passive state if said first communication interface is set in an active state, and sets said first communication interface in a passive state if said second communication interface is set in an active state.

32. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard.

33. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said imaging apparatus is a video camera.

34. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

35. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

42. (Thrice Amended) A method of controlling an imaging apparatus that includes a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard, and

a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard, comprising the steps of:

3 setting the second communication interface in a passive state if the first communication interface is set in an active state; and

 setting the first communication interface in a passive state if the second communication unit is set in an active state.

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DX 46. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control unit sets said first communication interface in an active state if said second communication interface in an active state is changed to a disconnected state, and sets said second communication interface in an active state if said first communication interface in an active state is changed to a disconnected state.

CU 47. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

48. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 42, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE1394 standard.

49. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 42, wherein the imaging apparatus is a video camera.